

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (previously presented) The structure of claim 5 further comprising an attic that is in air communication with the air flow passage.
4. (previously presented) The structure of claim 5 further comprising a roof that is coupled to the external wall section to form an air seal therebetween.
5. (previously presented) A structure comprising:
at least one outer wall, said outer wall further comprising:
an un-insulated internal wall section and an insulated external wall section,
said internal wall section and said external wall section defining an air flow
passage therebetween, said air flow passage channeling a conditioned air
flow in-between and substantially parallel to said internal wall section and
said external wall section and allowing the conditioned air to exit to an
outside environment;
an open space adjacent the inner wall; and
an air circulation system within the structure providing the conditioned air
flow through the open space and into the air flow passage to inhibit

moisture on the internal wall section, wherein the air circulation system creates a positive air pressure in at least a portion of the structure to cause at least some of said airflow to flow through the air flow passage, wherein the air circulation system comprises at least one of (i) a central mechanical air cooling device, (ii) a heating element, and (iii) a humidity control device, and wherein the air circulation system maintains the air temperature in the air flow passage at substantially the same temperature as the air in the open space.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The structure of claim 5 wherein the at least one outer wall includes a plurality of outer walls and a roof to form an enclosed structure.

8. (previously presented) The structure of claim 5 wherein the insulated external wall section comprises an insulating layer.

9. (original) The structure of claim 8 wherein the external wall section further comprises:

a weather-resistant layer outside of the insulating layer; and

a sheath inside of the insulating layer.

10. (previously presented) The structure of claim 5 wherein the internal wall section includes a liquid barrier.

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The structure of claim 10 wherein the internal wall section further comprises a first sheathing between the liquid barrier and a wall framing system.

13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) The structure of claim 5 further comprising a sensor chosen from the group consisting of: sensor providing a signal indicative of presence of moisture; and a sensor providing a signal indicative of temperature.

15. (original) The structure of claim 14 wherein the at least one sensor is placed at one of (i) in the air flow passage; (ii) in an attic of the structure; (iii) adjacent to the air circulation system.

16. (original) The structure of claim 14 further comprising a controller for controlling the air circulation system in response to the signal from the at least one sensor.

17. (currently amended) An enclosed structure comprising:
at least one outer wall that includes
an un-insulated internal wall section and an insulated external wall section,
said internal wall section and said external wall section defining an air flow passage therebetween said air flow passage channeling a conditioned air flow in-between and substantially parallel to said internal wall section and said external wall section and allowing the conditioned air to exit to an outside environment;
an open space adjacent the inner wall; and
an air circulation system within the structure providing the conditioned air flow through the open space and into the air flow passage to inhibit moisture on the internal wall section, wherein the air circulation system creates a positive air pressure in at least a portion of the structure to cause at least some of said airflow to flow through the air flow passage, wherein the air circulation system comprises at least one of (i) a central mechanical air cooling device, (ii) a heating element, and (iii) a humidity control device;

at least one sensor for generating a signal indicative of temperature in the air flow passage; and

a controller for controlling said air circulation system in response to said signal from said at least one sensor to maintain the air temperature in the air flow passage at substantially the same temperature as the air in the open space to inhibit moisture on the internal wall section.

18. (previously presented) The enclosed structure of claim 17, further comprising a relative humidity sensor located proximate to the air flow passage for indicating the relative humidity of the air flow in said air flow passage.

19. (previously presented) The enclosed structure of claim 18, wherein the controller includes at least one circuit to interface with relative humidity sensor, and a processor, acting according to programmed instructions, to control the circulation system to provide a predetermined relative humidity of the air flow in said air flow passage.

20. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting moisture accumulation in an outer wall of a structure, comprising:

providing an outer wall having an un-insulated internal wall section and an insulated external wall section, said internal wall section and said external wall

section forming an air flow passage therebetween thereinbetween, said air flow passage channeling a conditioned air flow in-between and substantially parallel to said internal wall section and said external wall section and allowing the conditioned air to exit to an outside environment; and
supplying conditioned air at a positive pressure with an air circulation system through an open space adjacent the internal wall section and into the air flow passage to inhibit moisture accumulation on the internal wall section , wherein the air circulation system maintains the air temperature in the air flow passage at substantially the same temperature as the air in the open space, wherein the air circulation system comprises at least one of (i) a central mechanical air cooling device, (ii) a heating element, and (iii) a humidity control device.

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising determining relative humidity of the air inside the structure.

24. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising controlling supply of the air in response to the determined relative humidity.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising controlling the air circulation system in accord to a programmed instruction provided to a controller associated with the air circulation system.

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) A structure, comprising:

an inner space enclosed by at least one wall having an inner section and an outer section, the inner an outer sections defining an air flow passage therebetween that has a first opening for receiving air under pressure and a second opening for discharging the received air to an outside environment;

an air circulation system that supplies conditioned air under pressure to the inner enclosed space; and

~~a conduit that wherein the airflow passage receives the conditioned air from the inner enclosed space and discharges supplies at least a portion of the received conditioned air under pressure to the first opening, thereby allowing the conditioned air to flow through the airflow passage and exit to the outside environment.~~

29. (currently amended) The structure of claim 28, further comprising a conduit that supplies the air received from the inner enclosed space to the air flow passage, wherein the conduit is one of: (i) a space in an attic over the inner enclosed space and the first opening or (ii); a passage that supplies the conditioned air from the inner space to the first opening; or (iii) that directly receives the conditioned air under pressure from the air circulation system.